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54 **Transparent antiperspirant stick compositions.**

57 An antiperspirant composition is in the form of a transparent stick. The composition comprises a mixture of aluminium chlorohydrate, nonionic surfactant, liquid oil, and water, the latter being present in an amount from 20 to 50%. Preferably, the liquid oil is a combination of volatile silicone and emollient oil.

Description

TRANSPARENT ANTIPERSPIRANT STICK COMPOSITION

The invention relates to an antiperspirant in the form of a gelled stick, which is transparent.

Solid antiperspirant formulations generally fall within two broad categories - suspensoid sticks and gelled alcoholic sticks. Suspensoid sticks usually consist of acidic antiperspirant actives suspended in a matrix formed by a wax in an emollient. Illustrative of this category are the formulations presented in US patent 4,431,837 (Geria). Example 7 of this patent describes an antiperspirant stick suspending an aluminium/zirconium chlorohydroxide complex in a wax matrix of stearyl alcohol and castorwax. Volatile silicone and C₈-C₁₈ aliphatic hydrocarbon ethoxylated alcohol benzoates are included as emollients and vehicles for the composition. See also US patent 4,126,679 (Davy et al). Unfortunately, these sticks cannot be formulated into an attractive transparent appearance. The wax matrix and insolubility of the antiperspirant active render the stick opaque.

Two main formulating methods are known for gelled alcoholic sticks. One method is to utilize an alkaline aluminium chlorhydrate-lactate complex as the active and combine this with sodium stearate as a gelling agent. For instance, US patent 3,259,545 (Teller) reports a stick containing an aluminium antiperspirant active, sodium lactate and sodium stearate. US patent 3,472,940 (Osipow et al) obtains stable gelled alcoholic compositions through the use of sodium stearyl-2-lactylate. A second method for obtaining gelled alcoholic sticks involves use of an alcohol soluble aluminium chlorhydrate complex (e.g. an aluminium chlorhydrate-propylene glycol adduct) and dibenzaldehyde monosorbitol acetal as gelling agent. Illustrative is US patent 4,518,582 (Schamper et al) wherein solid transparent gelled sticks of the foregoing type are disclosed.

Although gelled alcoholic sticks in transparent form can be achieved, these formulations suffer certain disadvantages. The alkaline aluminium active-lactate complex with sodium stearate is not particularly effective because alkaline antiperspirant actives intrinsically have low efficacy. Alcohol soluble aluminium active complexes as found in Schamper et al provide unstable sticks because of the instability of acetal gelling agents in the presence of acidic aluminium actives. Many of the foregoing compositions form sticks that are not completely hardenable, thereby resulting in a tacky feel.

Accordingly, it is an object of the present invention to obtain an antiperspirant composition in stick form that is transparent and also has good antiperspirant properties.

Another object of the present invention (in preferred forms) is to obtain a transparent stick of acceptable hardness to avoid a tacky feel when applied to skin.

The present invention provides an antiperspirant composition in the form of a stick which is transparent, and comprises by weight:

- (i) from 5 to 25% of an aluminium salt with antiperspirant activity;
- ii) from 10 to 40% of a nonionic surfactant;
- iii) from 5 to 50% of a liquid oil immiscible with water; and
- iv) from 20 to 50% water.

Aluminium chlorhydrate is most desirable as the antiperspirant salt. The nonionic surfactant is desirably, a C₁₁-C₁₈ alcohol ethoxylate. The liquid oil component may preferably be selected from emollient oils; volatile silicones and, desirably, mixtures of these materials.

We have discovered that acidic aluminium antiperspirant salts may be structured into a stick form which is transparent by use of nonionic surfactants. The basic composition comprises an oil and an aqueous phase. The aqueous phase contains the active, aluminium salt. Nonionic surfactant induces gelation to harden the composition. Transparency can be achieved by matching the refractive indices of the two phases.

When deciding upon a formulation, adjustment of refractive index is best performed by adjusting the refractive index of the oil phase.

Preferably volatile silicones are utilized in the oil phase to detackify the stick. Normally there is a significant difference in the refractive index of silicone and water phases. We have found that an emollient oil may be added to the silicone to adjust the refractive index of the oil phase and render it compatible with that of the aqueous phase.

The term "transparent" as used in this specification is intended to connote its usual dictionary definition. Thus, a transparent antiperspirant stick, like glass, allows ready viewing of objects behind it. By contrast, a translucent antiperspirant stick, although allowing light to pass through, causes the light to be so scattered that it will be impossible to see clearly objects behind the translucent stick.

Within the context of this invention, an antiperspirant stick is deemed to be transparent if the maximum transmittance of light of any wavelength in the range 400 to 800 nm through a sample 1cm thick is greater than 35%, but preferably at least 50%. A bar is deemed translucent if the maximum transmittance of such light through the sample is between 2% and less than 35%. Finally, a bar is deemed opaque if the maximum transmittance of such light is less than 2%. This transmittance can easily be measured by placing a stick sample of the required thickness into the light beam path of a spectrophotometer whose working range includes the visible spectrum such as a Bausch & Lomb Spectronic 88 Spectrophotometer.

Antiperspirant actives suitable for the present invention include astringent acidic aluminium compounds, especially aluminium chlorhydroxides. Among the effective actives are aluminium chlorhydrate, activated aluminium chlorhydrate (such as Reach 201, sold by the Reheis Company USA), as well as lower

aluminum/chlorine ratio actives (e.g. dichlorohydrates and sesquichlorohydrates). The aluminum active(s) will generally be present in an amount from about 5 to 25% by weight of the composition, preferably from about 10 to 20%. Beyond 20% active, the composition becomes more tacky and the stick softer. Unexpectedly, zirconium containing actives cause the composition to lose transparency. Thus, materials such as those sold under the Trade Mark Rezal 36GP, Rezal 36 and Rezal 67P were found unsuitable. These zirconium-containing actives appear to be strong salting out electrolytes for the surfactant. 5

Surfactants of the present invention must be capable of forming clear or translucent ordered liquid crystalline phases in the presence of water. Particularly desirable are surfactants forming viscous isotropic (cubic) and middle (hexagonal) phases. There must be no interaction between the surfactant and the antiperspirant actives in a manner leading to precipitation. Thus anionic and amphoteric surfactants are unsuitable for the present compositions because of their incompatibility with the antiperspirant actives. Anionics and amphoterics, such as betaines, interact with the positively charged aluminum salts and thereby form a precipitating complex. By contrast, nonionic surfactants have been found not to adversely interact with the actives. These materials are also preferred because of their less irritating nature to the skin. It will be preferable to choose a nonionic surfactant which gives a rigid stick; this can readily be determined by experiment. 10 15

Nonionic surfactants particularly suitable for the present invention are alkoxyated derivatives of compounds containing C₁₁-C₂₂ fatty alkyl hydrophobic groups. Two categories of these type of materials are particularly effective. These are:

a) polyoxyethylene and/or polyoxypropylene condensates of aliphatic carboxylic acids, whether linear- or branched-chain and unsaturated or saturated, containing from about 11 to about 22 carbon atoms in the aliphatic chain and incorporating from about 7 to about 40 (notably from 7 or 10 to 20) ethylene oxide or propylene oxide units. Suitable carboxylic acids include "coconut" fatty acid which contains an average of about 12 carbon atoms, "tallow" fatty acid which contains an average of about 18 carbon atoms, palmitic acid, myristic acid, stearic acid and lauric acid. 20 25

b) polyoxyethylene and/or polyoxypropylene condensates of aliphatic alcohols, whether linear- or branched-chain and unsaturated or saturated, containing from about 11 to 22 carbon atoms and incorporating from about 7 to 40 (preferably 7 or 10 to 20) ethylene oxide and/or propylene oxide units. Suitable alcohols include the "coconut" fatty alcohol, "tallow" fatty alcohol, lauryl alcohol, myristic alcohol, and oleyl alcohol. 30

Most effective within the context of this invention are the C₁₁-C₁₈ fatty alcohols ethoxylated with from about 10 to about 20 moles ethylene oxide. Especially effective, and studied in detail, is Neodol 45-13 which is available from Shell and is a C₁₄-C₁₅ fatty alcohol ethoxylated with an average of 13 moles of ethylene oxide. Further preferred nonionic surfactants are C₁₈ fatty alcohol alkoxyated with average 20 moles ethylene oxide, which is available from ICI under the Trade Mark Brij 99, and C₁₆ fatty alcohol alkoxyated with average 16 moles ethylene oxide. 35

Amounts of the nonionic surfactant required for the compositions of this invention range from about 10 to 40%, preferably from about 25 to 35% by weight.

The compositions of the present invention must contain a liquid oil immiscible with water. Total liquid oil present will range from about 5 to 50% by weight, preferably from about 10 to 40% by weight. The liquid oil component may itself be composed of emollient oils, volatile silicones, and preferably mixtures thereof. Emollient oils are defined as liquids at room temperature being immiscible with water (and preferably miscible with volatile silicones). Among the emollient oils may be included linear and branched chain fatty acid esters, diesters of dicarboxylic acids, and liquid hydrocarbons. Examples of fatty acid esters include the isopropyl esters of myristic, palmitic and stearic acids. Branched chain fatty acid esters are illustrated by 2-butylhexylpalmitate and 2-ethylhexyloxystearate. Di-n-butyl phthalate and diisopropyladipate are exemplary of dicarboxylic acid diesters. Mineral oils and paraffins, such as are available from Exxon under the Trade Mark Isopar, are illustrative of suitable liquid hydrocarbons. Most preferred among the emollient oils is 2-ethylhexyloxystearate (the 2-ethylhexyl ester of a hydroxystearic acid) which is available as Wickenol 171 from the Wickhen Corporation. The amount of emollient oil present will usually be from about 2 to 30%, preferably from about 5 to 15% by weight of the composition. 40 45 50

Volatile silicones are present mainly to assist in detackifying the stick. These materials also provide a dry, non-oily lubricant effect when stick contacts skin. Volatile silicones are relatively low molecular weight cyclic siloxane oligomers. The most readily available species of these siloxanes are hexamethylcyclotrisiloxane (boiling point 134°C), octamethylcyclotrisiloxane (boiling point 175.8°C) and decamethylcyclopentasiloxane (boiling point 210°C), more commonly known as trimer (D₃), tetramer (D₄) and pentamer (D₅), respectively. The D₄ and D₅ materials are also known, under the terminology of the Cosmetics, Toiletry and Fragrance Association, Inc (CTFA) as "Cyclomethicone". Commercially the D₅ cyclomethicone is available from Union Carbide Corporation as VS7158 and as DC 344 from Dow Corning Corporation. The amounts of volatile silicone in the present compositions will usually range from about 5 to 30%, preferably from about 10 to 20% by weight. 55 60

Although volatile silicone can be utilized as the only component of the liquid oil phase, often there is a problem with matching the refractive indices of volatile silicone with the aqueous phase and other components of the composition. Therefore, it has been found useful to use a mixture of the volatile silicone and an appropriate emollient oil for adjustment of refractive index. When combinations of a volatile silicone and 65

emollient oil are utilized, the ratios of these materials will normally range from about 10:1 to 1:10, respectively. Preferably, the respective ratio will range from about 4:1 to 1:4, optimally about 2:1 to 1:1.

For a given surfactant concentration, cosmetic properties of the stick, such as its hardness and tackiness, are dependent on both the nature and amount of the oil phase. In general, as the oil level increases, the stick becomes less tacky. However, hardness will increase initially but then decrease as the oil level is further increased.

Water is an important component of the composition. It must be present from about 20 to 50% by weight of the composition, preferably from about 25 to about 35% by weight. Amounts of water substantially lower than 20% result in sticks that are quite poor in hardness.

Other optional ingredients may be incorporated into the compositions of this invention. These ingredients include perfumes, preservatives, colorants and antimicrobial deodorizing agents (e.g. triclosan). These materials will usually be present in amounts less than 5% of each and usually less than 1%.

Antiperspirant sticks of the present invention may be prepared by any of four methods. First is a "normal addition method which involves adding the oil phase slowly to a solution of the surfactant in the aqueous antiperspirant active. Second is "reverse addition" wherein aqueous antiperspirant active is added to a mixture of surfactant and oil phase. Thirdly, it is possible to add surfactant to an emulsion of the aqueous phase containing antiperspirant active with the oil phase. Finally, it is possible to add such an emulsion of oil phase and aqueous phase containing active antiperspirant to the surfactant. Although all four methods can be used, the "reverse addition" procedure is preferred because of its simplicity and because it gives less foaming relative to, for instance, the "normal addition" method.

The following examples will more fully illustrate the embodiments of this invention. All parts, percentages and proportions referred to herein and in the appended claims are by weight unless otherwise indicated.

In these Examples "Neodol 45-13" denotes C₁₄-C₁₅ fatty alcohol ethoxylated with average 13 moles of ethylene oxide. "VS 7158" denotes decamethylcyclopentasiloxane, "Wickenol 171" denotes 2-ethylhexyloxystearate, "Isosteareth 20" denotes isostearyl alcohol ethoxylated with average 20 moles ethylene oxide and "Brij 78" denotes stearyl alcohol ethoxylated with average 20 moles ethylene oxide.

EXAMPLE 1

Illustrative of a typical preparation is that described as follows: Neodol 45-13, in the amount of 33 grams, was added to a thermostatted beaker maintained at 65-75° C. A mixture was prepared of 17 grams water with 30 grams of a 50% aqueous aluminium chlorohydrate solution. The combined water and aluminium chlorohydrate was then slowly added to the Neodol 45-13 with constant gentle agitation using a magnetic stirrer. Slow stirring was continued until most of the bubbles had dissipated. Refractive index of the solution was then measured.

Thereafter, a mixture was prepared of 12.8 grams VS 7158 (volatile silicone) and 7.2 grams Wickenol 171 (2-ethylhexyloxystearate). Refractive index of the oil phase was now measured. In those instances where the oil and water phases were not within approximately 0.001 units refractive index from one another, the ratio of VS 7158 : Wickenol 171 was readjusted by an increase in the appropriate oil to attain the equivalent refractive index. Next, the oil phase was slowly added with stirring to the surfactant/water/active phase. When most of the bubbles had dissipated, the composition was poured into moulds to cool.

EXAMPLES 2-6

A series of further compositions were prepared by the method outlined in Example 1. Details are given in Table 1 below. These compositions were used to evaluate the effect of volatile silicone and emollient oils.

TABLE IEffect of Volatile Silicone and Emollient Oil

Ingredient	<u>Example (Parts by Weight)</u>				
	2	3	4	5	6
Neodol 45-13	33	33	33	32	32
Water	32	32	31.96	33	33
Aluminium Chlorohydrate	15	15	15	10	10
VS 7158	12.8	} 19*	12.8	16	19
Wickenol 171	7.2		7.2	9	--
Perfume	--	1	--	--	--
FD&C Blue #1 (blue colour)	--	--	.04	--	--
C ₁₂ -C ₁₅ alkyl benzoate	--	--	--	--	6

*Total VS 7158 + Wickenol 171 = 19%; exact ratio of VS 7158 to Wickenol 171 will depend on the refractive index of the perfume.

Examples 2 and 3, respectively, illustrate that the stick may be perfumed or dyed. Example 5 has less antiperspirant active and more oil than Example 2. This was found to result in a less tacky product. Example 6 is similar to Example 5 but illustrates the use of a different oil to adjust the oil phase refractive index. All Examples provided transparent compositions.

EXAMPLES 7-11

In Example 7 a composition identical to that of Example 1 was prepared but using the "reverse addition" method. The same method was used for Examples 8 to 11. All components of the oil phase were mixed and this was added slowly with stirring to the surfactant. Next, the antiperspirant active/water solution was slowly added to the surfactant/oil phase. The resultant emulsion was allowed to stand until the bubbles had dissipated. Compositions made thereby were then poured into molds. "Reverse addition" resulted in less foam and bubble problems than occurred in Example 1. The formulations prepared according to this method are outlined in Table II.

TABLE IIExample (Parts by Weight)

Ingredient	7	8	9	10	11
Neodol 45-13	33	30	32	16.5	--
Water	32	32	32	32	33
Aluminium Chlorohydrate	15	20	15	15	15
VS 7158	12.8	10.8	20	} 20*	} 20*
Wickenol 171	7.2	7.2	--		
Isosteareth 20	--	--	--	--	32
Brij 78	--	--	--	16.5	--

*Relative proportions of VS 7158 and Wickenol 171 adjusted to achieve transparency.

Example 8, relative to Example 7, contains an increased amount of antiperspirant active and less oil; the stick derived from Example 8 was more tacky than that of Example 7. The product of Example 9 was not transparent due to the mis-match of refractive indices of the phases. Examples 10 and 11 illustrate the use of mixed surfactants and a surfactant other than Neodol 45-13. Examples 7, 8, 10 and 11 were transparent.

EXAMPLES 12-26

Formulation effects upon stick hardness are illustrated in the following examples. In all cases, the oil phase was a mixture of VS 7158:Wickenol 171 (64:36).

TABLE III
Formulation Effects Upon Stick Hardness

<u>Example</u>	<u>% Neodol 45-13</u>	<u>% Aluminium Chlorohydrate</u>	<u>% Water</u>	<u>% Oil</u>	<u>Relative Hardness</u>	
12	22	15	22	41	0.30	5
13	24	15	24	37	0.39	10
14	28	15	47	10	0.48	
15	28	15	37	20	0.63	15
16	28	15	27	30	0.44	
17	28	15	22	35	0.30	
18	31	15	34	20	0.89	20
19	33	15	47	5	0.41	
20	33	15	42	10	0.89	25
21	33	15	37	15	1.00	
22	33	15	32	20	1.00	30
23	33	15	25	27	0.63	
24	33	15	14	38	0.04	35
25	35	15	40	10	1.33	
26	35	15	30	20	0.89	40

Stick hardness was measured using an Instron Model 1122 Universal Testing Instrument, employing an 8.9mm penetrometer driven at 2mm/minute.

Examples 14-17 and 19-24 illustrate the effect of the amount of oil upon hardness when the amount of surfactant is 28% and 33% respectively. At both surfactant concentrations maximum hardness occurs when the amount of oil is around 20%. Other Examples in Table III investigate hardness values at surfactant concentrations lower and higher than 28-33%. Generally, hardness increases in direct proportion to the surfactant concentration. For instance, compare Examples 14, 20 and 25 where the oil concentration is constant at 10% and surfactant concentration is 28, 33 and 35% respectively. Relative hardness increases from 0.48 up to 1.33 as the surfactant is increased.

Examples 25 and 26 show that optimum hardness can occur at different concentrations of oil, depending on the surfactant concentration. For instance, the composition of Example 25 (10% oil) is harder than that of Example 26 (20% oil) at a 35% surfactant concentration. By contrast, at a 33% surfactant concentration, the 10% oil formulation of Example 20 is softer than the 20% oil formulation of Example 21.

EXAMPLES 27-40

The following Examples illustrate the use of different types of nonionic surfactants and their effect upon relative hardness. All of the formulations contained 33% surfactant, 15% aluminium chlorohydrate, 32% water and 20% VS 7158/Wickenol 171 as the oil phase. Table IV outlines these formulations in which all surfactants

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TABLE IV

Effect of Various Surfactants on Stick Hardness

<u>Example</u>	<u>Surfactant Trade Mark</u>	<u>CTFA Name</u>	<u>No. of C Atoms in Fatty Alcohol</u>	<u>No. of EO Groups</u>	<u>Relative Hardness</u>
27	Procol LA20	Laureth 20	12	20	0.55
28	Siponic TD 990	Trideceth 9	13	9	0.09
29	Macol TD 10	Trideceth 10	13	10	0.19
30	Renex 30	Trideceth 12	13	12	0.27
31	Neodol 45-13	Pareth 45-13	14-15	13	1.00
32	Tergitol 15-S-20	Pareth 15-20	11-15	20	0.37
33	Brij 56	Ceteth 10	16	10	0.41
34	Procol CA16	Ceteth 16	16	16	0.85
35	Procetyl AWS	PPG5-Ceteth 20	16	20*	0.44
36	Procol CS-20	Cetereth 20	16/18	20	0.52
37	Brij 76	Steareth 10	18	10	0.06
38	Arosurf 66E10	Isosteareth 10	18 (iso)	10	0.55
39	Brij 97	Oleth 10	18 (oleyl)	10	0.48
40	Brij 99	Oleth 20	18 (oleyl)	20	0.76

*Co-alkoxylated with 5 propylene oxide groups.

From Table IV, it appears that most C₁₁-C₁₈ alcohol ethoxylates impart some degree of hardness to the stick. It is, however, noted that Neodol 45-13, Procol CA16 and Brij 99 are particularly effective.

EXAMPLES 41-59

In these Examples there are illustrated surfactants which do not result in a hard material: liquid phase or soft gels were obtained with these surfactants. Again, all of the formulations contain 33% surfactant, 15% aluminum chlorhydrate, 32% water and 20% VS 7158/Wickenol 171 as the oil phase. Table V lists the ineffective surfactants.

Some of the surfactants are fatty alcohol ethoxylates and for these Table V quotes the number of carbon atoms in the fatty alcohol group and the average number of ethylene oxide residues per molecule.

TABLE V

Surfactants Not Providing Hard Sticks

Example	Surfactant Trade Mark	CTFA Name	Nature of/ C atoms in Hydrophobe Group	No of EO Groups
41	Sandoz SX-408	Pending*	10 (iso)	4
42	Sandoz SX-412	Pending*	10 (iso)	6
43	Sandoz SX-418	Pending*	10 (iso)	9
44	Sandoz SX-424	Pending*	10 (iso)	12
45	Brij 721	Steareth 21	18	21
46	Triton X-100	Octoxynol 9	alkylphenol	9
47	Tergitol 24-L-25N	Pareth-25	12-14	25
48	Tergitol 24-L-35N	Pareth-35	12-14	35
49	Tergitol 24-L-50N	Pareth-50	12-14	50

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50	Polychol 20	Laneth 20	lanolin alcohol	20	
51	Emerest 2712	PEG-8- distearate	stearic acid	8	5
52	Emerest 2715	PEG-40- distearate	stearic acid	40	
53	Mapeg CO25H	PEG-25 Hydrogenated	hydrogenated castor oil	25	10
54	Barlox 14		myristamine oxide		15
55	Schercomid CCD		coconut diethanolamide		
56	Carsamide CMEA		lauric diethanolamide		20
57	Lonzaine CZ		cocoamidossulfobetaine		
58	Pluronic F127	Poloxamer 407	polyoxypropylene polyoxy- ethylene block copolymer		25
59	Pluronic L72	Poloxamer 212	polyoxypropylene polyoxy- ethylene block copolymer		30
*These fatty alcohol ethoxylates each contain 2 propylene groups in addition to the ethylene oxide groups on the C ₁₀ alkyl chain.					35

EXAMPLES 60-73

The following Examples, detailed in Table VI below, illustrate the effect of various liquid oils on the properties of the stick as described in Example 1. All formulations contain 33% Neodol 45-13, 15% aluminium chlorohydrate, 32% water and 20% of the oil phase. These formulations were not adjusted to transparency but merely formulated to achieve adequate hardness.

TABLE VI

Effect of Various Liquid Oils

<u>Example</u>	<u>Oil</u>	<u>Relative Hardness</u>
60	VS 7158	0.52
61	2-Ethylhexyloxystearate	0.70
62	64:36, VS 7158:2-ethyl-hexyloxystearate	1.00
63	Isopropyl Palmitate	1.04
64	Isopropyl Myristate	0.9
65	Isopropyl Stearate	1.1
66	Butyl Myristate	0.85
67	2-Ethylhexyl Palmitate	1.00
68	2-Ethylhexyl Stearate	1.2
69	Isopar C (C_7 - C_8 isoparaffin, bp 99°C)	0.96
70	Isopar M (C_{13} - C_{14} isoparaffin, bp 223°C)	1.07
71	C_{12} - C_{15} Benzoate (Finsolv TN)	0.15
72	Myristyl Octanoate	0.85
73	Di-2-ethylhexyl Succinate	0.63

EXAMPLE 74

In this Example, the effect of zirconium containing actives was evaluated. A composition containing 14 grams aluminium chlorohydrate, 33 grams Neodol 45-13 and 32 grams water was formulated with 1 gram of each of three zirconium/aluminium antiperspirant actives, with aluminium chlorohydrate used in a control. The results are recorded in Table VII. It is evident that the presence of zirconium renders the composition non-transparent.

TABLE VII

Effect of Zirconium/Aluminium Active on Transparency

<u>Antiperspirant Active</u>	<u>Composition (weight)</u>				
	A	B	C	D	
Aluminium Chlorohydrate	15	14	14	14	10
Rezal 36GP*	--	1	--	--	
Rezal 36*	--	--	1	--	15
Rezal 67GP*	--	--	--	1	
<u>Appearance:</u>	Clear	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	20
*Contains Zirconium as part of the active system.					

EXAMPLE 75

Herein is illustrated the difference in clarity between different stick formulations. Clarity was determined by measuring the transmittance of a 1.0cm thick section of a stick formulation by use of a Bausch & Lomb Spectronic 88 Spectrophotometer. Table VIII sets forth a pair of formulations, one transparent and the other translucent. These formulations were then measured for transmittance and compared with a commercial opaque stick. Results are given in Table IX.

TABLE VIIIFormulations Measured for Transmittance

<u>Ingredient</u>	<u>Transparent Formula Weight %</u>	<u>Translucent Formula Weight %</u>
Neodol 45-13	33.0	33.0
VS 7158	12.8	10.0
Wickenol 171	7.2	10.0
Aluminium Chlorohydrate	15.0	15.0
H ₂ O	32.0	32.0

TABLE IXTransmittance Values of Antiperspirant Stick Formulations

<u>Wavelength (nm)</u>	<u>Transparent Formulation (Transmittance%)</u>	<u>Translucent Formulation (Transmittance%)</u>	<u>Opaque Commercial Stick (Transmittance%)</u>
400	48.0	2.5	0
450	50.0	3.5	0
500	52.0	5.0	0
550	54.0	6.0	0
600	57.5	7.5	0
650	61.0	9.5	0
700	65.5	11.0	0
750	69.0	12.5	0
800	73.0	14.0	0

Claims

1. An antiperspirant composition in the form of a stick which comprises by weight:
 - i) from 5 to 25% of an aluminium salt with antiperspirant activity;
 - ii) from 10 to 40% of a nonionic surfactant; iii) from 5 to 50% of a liquid oil immiscible with water; and
 - iv) from 20 to 50% water;
 and wherein the quantities are selected so that the stick is transparent.
2. An antiperspirant composition according to claim 1 wherein the liquid oil is one or more emollient oils, volatile silicones or mixtures thereof.
3. An antiperspirant composition according to claim 2 wherein the emollient oil(s) are selected from linear and branched chain fatty acid esters, diesters of dicarboxylic acids, liquid hydrocarbons and mixtures thereof.
4. An antiperspirant composition according to claim 2 wherein the emollient oil is 2-ethylhexyloxystearate.
5. An antiperspirant composition according to any one of claims 2 to 4 wherein the emollient oil(s) are present in an amount from 2 to 30% by weight.
6. An antiperspirant composition according to any one of claims 2 to 5 wherein volatile silicone(s) are present in an amount from 5 to 30% by weight.
7. An antiperspirant composition according to any one of claims 2 to 6 comprising a mixture of volatile silicone(s) and emollient oil(s) in a ratio of from 10:1 to 1:10.
8. An antiperspirant composition according to any one of the preceding claims wherein the nonionic surfactant is an alkoxyated derivative of compound(s) containing C₁₁-C₂₂ fatty alkyl groups.
9. An antiperspirant composition according to claim 8 wherein the nonionic surfactant is a C₁₁-C₁₈ fatty alcohol alkoxyated with from 10 to 20 moles ethylene oxide.
10. An antiperspirant composition according to any one of the preceding claims wherein the nonionic surfactant is present in an amount from 25 to 35% by weight.